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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was slow to moderate at best with few features. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to easily handle trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long with purchasing limited. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair to moderate at best. Wings were adequate to slightly more available, but clearing. All other items were mostly sufficient to closely balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

<u>Final Report</u> of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook icepacked broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 26-MAR-2007 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A		(COMPOSIT	E
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Boston/New Er	ngland TFEWR		:	71.52	21
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.19	36 :	74.83	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	76.66	19
Denver	83.50	83.10	12:	82.59	14
Detroit	75.00-77.00	76.89	9:	77.67	38
Los Angeles	84.00	83.33	63 :	83.93	124
New York	74.00-77.00	76.83	23 :	76.80	50
Philadelphia	73.50-75.00	74.41	11 :	75.33	24
Pittsburgh	73.00-76.00	75.09	11:	77.89	56
St. Louis	74.75-75.00	74.40	20 :	73.57	35
San Francisco	84.50	84.27	30 :	87.93	55

Composite Weighted Average

Loads 03/26/07 Change Last Wk 03/19/07 03/27/06 509 78.71 .70 78.01 60.55

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

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		MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG		
<u>LOADS</u>	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
1,100	67.00-81.00	75.95		
The Georgia f.o.b. dock	confirmed final	weighted average prices on		
ice packed parts:	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50	1,403		
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	5,825		
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00	1,437		
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.00	1,155		
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	9,186		
WINGS	134.50	2,727		

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to instances moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mostly adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were sufficient and moving seasonally well, and the remaining items were generally adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' level. Trading reported at unchanged prices on both new and regular commitments. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity decreased but was at least fair. Retailer demand light to moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady overall on parts. Trading reported at 43-51 for leg quarters, wings 126-139, breasts with ribs attached 105-122 and boneless breast 147-152. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was unchanged at 79.32 with the volume reported also unchanged at 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's finals; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/ fryer market tone ends the month as it began, steady. Offerings were adequate for the limited and selective trade call. Retail and food service demand was slow with fast food business normal. Floor stocks balanced to long; weights were in a full range; light to heavy. Parts supplies were adequate to closely balanced. The trade sentiment was steady on all part items.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for present trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were noted as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were mostly clearing, but occasionally available. The balance of parts were generally adequate to available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED

RANGE 63-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were adequate to well cleared; bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were noted as slightly more available but still clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was generally steady on the most items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOLTRUCKLOTAND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

	CU	RRENT	WTD	VOLUME
<u>ITEM</u>	NEGOTIATED TR	ADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	10	60-165	151.02	779,450
TENDERLOINS		180	177.53	117,000
BREAST - WITH F	RIBS	99-100	108.91	53,000
BREAST - LINE F	RUN	99	101.21	68,400
LEGS		56-57	53.17	255,840
LEG QUARTERS	(BULK)	41-42	42.40	202,600
DRUMSTICKS		47-48	53.10	48,520
THIGHS		51-52	58.64	49,240
B/S THIGHS	1	10-111	111.90	100,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	1:	30-131	126.30	252,760
BACKS AND NEC	KS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.20	14,000
LIVERS (5 POUN	D TUBS)	35-40	39.01	5,040
GIZZARDS (HEAF	RTS)	45-50	45.65	15,040
INCLUDES NEW YO	RK CITY METROPO	LITANAREA	A, NORTHERN	NEW JERSEY,

^{*} TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

(NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR

MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA

TO BE SHIPPEDAS OF 1:30 P.M. ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT

VOLUME, CENTS PER P	OUND.			WT.
<u>ITEM</u>	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	_AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,261	142.00-164.00	144-147	149.98
TENDERLOINS	365	177.00-190.00	-	178.07
FRONT HALVES	TC	OO FEW TO REF	PORT	
LEGS	TC	OO FEW TO REF	PORT	
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,720	37.00-38.00	-	37.95
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,260	39.00-49.00	41	40.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	605	131.00-141.00	136-141	136.33
DRUMSTICKS	TC	OO FEW TO REF	PORT	
THIGHS	1,048	43.00-54.00	43	43.09

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

<u>E</u> \$	STIMATE	<u>ACTUAL</u>	AVG WTS	<u>ACTUAL</u>	AVG WTS
	03/26	03/22	03/22	03/19	03/15
Alabama	4,001	3,818	5.35	3,864	5.39
Arkansas	5,160	4,827	5.11	5,208	5.10
Delmarva	2,187	2,217	5.67	1,966	5.65
KY-LA-TN	2,363	2,313	5.05	2,316	4.98
Mississippi	3,017	3,063	5.33	3,014	5.43
North Carolin	na 2,735	2,624	6.88	2,510	6.73
Texas	2,450	2,417	5.18	2,424	5.11
Total	21,913	21,279	5.46	21,302	5.44
Mon	21,913(A)			21,302(A)
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Mar 2007 is estimated to be 32,784,000 up 2.56 percent from a week ago. and up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,966,000 last year 32,099,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CUR-RENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS				
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	660	142.00-219.00	-	153.05
TENDERLOINS	178	170.00-239.00	175-179	182.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	99.00-104.00	-	100.55
FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO REI	PORT	
LEGS	203	52.00-62.00	56	56.04
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	555	37.00-41.00	39-40	39.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	414	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	110.00-135.00	119-122	122.88
WINGS (CUT)	280	131.00-151.00	132-136	136.09
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REI	PORT	
THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO REI	PORT	
B/S THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REI	PORT	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BA	SED O	N SOUTHERN S	TATES PAR	

TRADING FOR MARCH 26, 2007 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
66.00 - 70.00	68.04	68.03

Price (Cents) Par I h Mostly

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOTAND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 26-MAR-TO 30-MAR-2007

FIIC	e (Cents) Per Lb.	wosuy
BREAST - B/S	142.00 - 161.00	143.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	88.00 - 120.00	99.00 - 110.00
LEGS	55.00 - 62.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 46.00	40.00 - 42.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	39.00 - 46.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 78.00	-
THIGHS	40.00 - 57.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	120.00 - 141.00	134.00 - 139.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

RANGE

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE 89.25-107.25 WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES 92.75-109.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
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RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

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EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MARCH 23, 2007

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED —— PRICES—— VOLUME —

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE WTDAVERGE	16.50 16.50	16.00-17.00 16.50	530,500	248,400
15-20% RANGE WTDAVERGE	16.00-21.00 17.13	11.00-16.00 13.42	1,752,800	992,800
20% OR MOR RANGE WTD AVERGE	-	14.00 14.00	40,000	-

*INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MARCH 23, 2007 CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME — (Cents per Pound)					
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS RANGE WTDAVERGE	20.00 20.00	16.00 16.00	122,400	-	
15-20% RANGE WTDAVERGE	15.00-19.00 16.33	11.25-16.00 13.34	3,101,000	1,591,200	
20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERGE	-	-	-	-	

*INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate to at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-07 RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-10
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10		6.94

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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